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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the ceasefire between two countries.

1. On 1 June 1996, 143 Iraqi motor boats carrying a total of 253 personnel and supported by 4 launches were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

2. On 5 June 1996, 124 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 315 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

3. On 5 June 1996, at 2245 hours, Iraqi forces stationed at Abu-Abid sentry post near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 490-492 on the map of Sumar, south-west of border pillars 44/3, 44/4 and 44/5, began firing towards Iranian border post 402. About 40 bullets hit the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in no man's land.

4. On 9 June 1996, 70 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 200 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

5. On 10 June 1996, 70 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 200 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

6. On 11 June 1996, 72 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 220 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

7. On 12 June 1996, from 0930 hours to 1100 hours, a number of Iraqi forces installed three 82 mm mortars near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 556-408 on the map of Sumar, north and south of border pillars 42 and 43, opposite Iran's Mian-tang-Darreh observation post, in no man's land.

8. On 12 June 1996, from 0930 hours to 1100 hours, a number of Iraqi forces installed three 82 mm mortars at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 548-408 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, west of Iran's Mian-tang-Darreh post and border pillar 42 and south-west of border pillar 43.

9. On 15 June 1996, 78 Iraqi motor boats, 3 launches and a tug-boat with a total of 264 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

10. On 16 June 1996, at 0800 hours, an Iraqi helicopter landed near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 523-406 and flew back after a 30-minute stop.

11. On 16 June 1996, at 0840 hours, a number of Iraqi forces began constructing an observation post near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 500-660 on the map of Kharatha, west of Tankab border post and border pillar 49 and south of border pillar 50, in no man's land, in the area of Zeinal-Ghows.

12. On 16 June 1996, 123 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 312 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

13. On 18 June 1996, 75 Iraqi motor boats, 30 launches, and 2 tug-boats were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

14. On 19 June 1996, from 2100 hours to 2300 hours, a number of anti-revolutionary elements tried to carry out two surprise attacks against the Iranian border police in the border area of Shalamcheh. They began firing when their attempts failed and fled into the territory of Iraq when confronted with the reaction of the Iranian border police.

15. On 19 June 1996, 75 Iraqi motor boats, 2 launches and 3 tug-boats with a total of 267 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

16. On 22 June 1996, 46 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 145 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

17. On 24 June 1996, 17 Iraqi motor boats were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

18. On 25 June 1996, 49 Iraqi motor boats with a total of 160 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

19. On 26 June 1996, 66 Iraqi motor boats were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

20. On 27 June 1996, 80 Iraqi motor boats, supported by a launch and 2 tug-boats, with a total of 360 personnel were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

21. On 28 June 1996, 80 Iraqi motor boats, supported by a launch and 2 tug-boats, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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